

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld piezoelectric acupuncture stimulator with a pen-like, substantially electrically insulating exterior casing (1), an actuator button (5) mounted at one end of the casing, a contact pin (9) retracted from an end surface (3), said contact pin provided at the other end of the casing, the contact pin intended for contact with the skin in an acupuncture zone, said contact pin being connected with a first electrode (19) of a piezoelectric converter (18), the second electrode (20) of the piezoelectric converter being in electrical connection with a hand contact (7) and being mechanically operable by means of a spring-loaded impact hammer (23) operated by the actuator button (5) for generation of a high-voltage electric pain relieving pulse with a low energy content, characterized in that the piezoelectric converter (18) is mounted together with said first and second electrodes (19, 20) and said impact hammer (23) with a spring system, said spring system comprising an actuator compression spring (25) and a return spring (27), in a common electrically insulating interior

casing (8) designed for form-fit mounting in the substantially electrically insulating exterior casing (1), said contact pin (9) being retained with a comparatively short, protruding length at one end of the interior casing (8), a longitudinally displaceable impact hammer actuator (16) being mounted at another end of the interior casing, said actuator being mechanically connected with the actuator button (5), whereby the electric connection between the second electrode (20) of the piezoelectric converter (18) and said hand contact (7) comprises a leaf spring contact (10), which projects through the interior casing (8) and extends between said interior casing and the exterior casing (1) for establishing contact with the hand contact (7) which is shaped as a contact ring.

2. (Currently Amended) An acupuncture stimulator according to claim 1, characterized in that the leaf spring contact (10) has a bent end portion (11) fixed in a recess (12) at the free edge of an end member (13) of the exterior casing (1), said end member serving as a support for the contact ring (7).

3. (Original) An acupuncture stimulator according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the actuator button (5) is mounted in a top member (4) placed in extension of the exterior casing (1) and the contact ring (7) and having a

protruding abutment (6) as support for the forefinger knuckle of the user, when the actuator button (5) is operated by the thumb.